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PRESS RELEASE: ~~7th~~ May, 1971.

FROM: THE PREMIER (MR. DUNSTAN)

STUART HIGHWAY

The Premier (Mr. Dunstan) said today that a \$500,000 contract has been awarded for the construction and sealing of 29 miles of the Stuart Highway.

Mr. Dunstan said that the contract involved earthworks, sub-base, and base-course and sealing from the Yorkeys Crossing turn-off, near Port Augusta to the Hesso railway crossing.

He said that an overpass would be built over the new Port Augusta-Whyalla railway and that the road from Port Augusta would be connected to Yorkeys Crossing.

Mr. Dunstan said that the contract had been awarded to Crawford Earthmovers Pty. Ltd.

He said that work was expected to be completed within 12 months.

"Work under another Highways Department contract is currently in progress on the Mount Gunson deviation, further north on the Stuart Highway, and by August, 13 miles of the highway will be sealed south from Wirrappa.

"Only 48 miles of unsealed road will remain between Port Augusta and Woomera after May 1972.

"Subject to the availability of finance, the full length is planned to be sealed before the end of 1974."